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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification should include section headings. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 2, 4, 7, 8 and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding the claims above; the recitations "particularly" and "and/or" render the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

The recitation "the outer Kelly rod" in claims 10 and 11 should be changed to "an outer Kelly rod".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallace, U.S. 2,624,549.

Regarding claim 1, 5, Wallace discloses two torque transmitting, telescopable tubular, Kelly rods (6,70; 7,56) wherein one of the rods (7; 56,58,62) is constructed from a different material (62).

As to claim 2, Wallace discloses a lightweight construction material (62) of the rod segments.

As to claims 3, 4, 7, 8, Wallace discloses the rod torque transmission means having interlocking driving slots (52,16) of steel material (cross-hatch indicates metal).

As to claim 6, Wallace discloses an axial force transmitting means (col. 3, lines 43-67).

As to claim 9, Wallace discloses axially directed guide rails (16) on a rod segment (7; 56,58,62).

As to claims 10 and 11, Wallace discloses an outer rod (6,70) made of metal (cross-hatch indicates metal) having a means (56) for transmitting torque.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Thompson whose telephone number is 571 272-7037. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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